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SUBJ: DEMIREL RETURNS FROM NATO SUMMIT

1. UPON HIS RETURN TO ANKARA MAY 12, PRIME MINISTER DEMIREL  
TOLD REPORTERS THAT AT THE NATO SUMMIT TURKEY'S SITUATION HAD  
BEEN THOROUGHLY EXPLAINED AND HER RIGHTS HAD BEEN DEFENDED  
AND HE THEREFORE RETURNED TO THE COUNTRY SATISFIED. " I  
HOPE THAT THE POINTS WHICH WE PUT FORWARD WILL RESOUND AND  
PRODUCE AN EFFECT ON THOSE THEY WERE ADDRESSED TO," THE  
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PRIMIN SAID IN AN INTERVIEW WITH ANATOLIAN NEWS AGENCY.

2. DEMIREL'S VISIT TO LONDON REMAINED OF MAJOR, THOUGH  
DIMINISHING PRESS INTEREST, WITH HEADLINES GENERALLY VARYING  
ACCORDING TO THE POLITICAL ORIENTATION OF THE PAPERS.  
EXAMPLES: "DEMIREL: 'THE POINTS WE PUT FORWARD WILL RESOUND'"  
(PRO-GOVERNMENT TERCUMAN), " DEMIREL, WHO POUNDED THE TABLE

IN LONDON AND MADE CARTER SAY 'UNCLE' (\*) RETURNED TO THE COUNTRY" (LEFT-WING VATAL). SENSATIONALIST GUNAYDIN'S MAIN RELATED NEWS STORY CONCENTRATED ON A REPORT THAT GREEK PRIMIN CARAMANLIS REFUSED TO MEET WITH DEMIREL IN LONDON BECAUSE THERE WOULD BE NO VALUE IN IT SO SOON BEFORE THE TURKISH ELECTIONS. TERCUMAN REPORTED THAT A NEW VISIT TO ANKARA, ATHENS, AND NICOSIA BY SECRETARY CLIFFORD "IN THE VERY NEAR FUTURE" WAS DISCUSSED IN LONDON, QUOTING "STILL UNCONFIRMED REPORTS" AS SAYING CLIFFORD WOULD COME TO ANKARA BEFORE JUNE 5 AND "AMERICAN SOURCES" AS SAYING THAT EVEN IF THE VISIT AWAITS THE ELECTIONS, "IT WILL CERTAINLY TAKE PLACE DURING THE SUMMER MONTHS."

3. PRESS COMMENTARIES. TEOMAN EREL IN GUNAYDIN POKED FUN AT THE SEMI-OFFICIAL ANATOLIAN PRESS AGENCY REPORTS THAT DEMIREL HAD POUNDED ON THE TABLE AND MADE CARTER CRY "UNCLE," SAYING THAT THIS SORT OF FICTION BROUGHT TO MIND "THE MOUSE THAT ROARED." GUNERI CIVAOGU IN TERCUMAN WROTE THAT CARTER'S STATEMENT THAT TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS AND CYPRUS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED SEPARATELY RESULTED FROM THE STRONG IMPRESSION DEMIREL HAD MADE ON CLIFFORD AND BRITISH PRIMIN CALLAGHAN, TWO PERSONS WITH INFLUENCE ON CARTER. ACCORDING TO CIVAOGU, CLIFFORD "IS AS FAR LEFT AS ANY US OFFICIAL CAN BE," BUT "DEMIREL SPOKE STRONGLY WITH CLIFFORD AND WAS ABLE TO MAKE AN IMPRESSION ON HIM." "DEMIREL HAS BEEN SUCCESSFUL IN CONVINCING CARTER AND GETTING RESULTS," CIVAOGU WROTE, "HE IS THE ONLY LEADER WHO HAS NOT BOWED DOWN TO CARTER." FAR-RIGHT BAYRAK'S COMMENTATOR FERIT EDIBALI SAID IT IS IMPOSSIBLE TO SAY WHETHER THE DEMIREL-  
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CARTER TALK WILL LEAD TO BETTER TURKISH-AMERICAN RELATIONS, "BUT CARTER'S WORDS CAN BE DEEMED A FAVORABLE DEVELOPMENT".

4. METION TOKER, WRITING FROM LONDON FOR SENSATIONALIST HURRIYET, SAID "IN COMING TO LONDON SULEYMAN DEMIREL DID A VERY GOOD THING...IN LONDON DEMIREL SPOKE AS A PRIME MINISTER, NOT AS THE HEAD OF THE J # IF IT HAD BEEN CEVIT SPEAKING HE WOULD NOT HAVE ACTED THIS WAY, HE WOULD HAVE SOUGHT HIS OWN ADVANTAGE." TOKER THEN WENT ON TO LIST SEVERAL CONCLUSIONS THAT HE HAD COME TO AS A RESULT OF HIS CONTACTS IN LONDON DURING THE NATO CONFERENCE:  
(A) IT IS A COMPLETE FICTION THAT THE CIA WAS BEHIND THE MAY 1 BLOODSHED IN ISTANBUL; ALL THE ALLIES, INCLUDING THE U.S., WANT THE TURKISH ELECTIONS TO BE HELD IN SAFETY AND WANT DEMOCRACY TO CONTINUE.  
(B) THE US HAS NO PREFERENCE FOR ECEVIT OR DEMIREL AND DOES NOT SUPPORT EITHER; SHE ONLY WANTS A STRONG GOVERNMENT IN TURKEY. " BUT MY IMPRESSION IS THAT IF SHE HAS A TINY PREFERENCE..IT IS NOT DEMIREL, IT IS ECEVIT."

(C) NATO IS "100 PERCENT ON TURKEY'S SIDE AND  
100 PERCENT AGAINST THE US ON THE SUBJECT OF THE ARMS EMBARGO"  
AND BELIEVES THAT THE EMBARGO MAKES A CYPRUS SETTLEMENT MORE  
DIFFICULT.

(C) DEMIREL MISTAKENLY BELIEVES THAT, SINCE CARTER  
HAS A MAJORITY IN CONGRESS, HE COULD PASS THE DEFENSE  
COOPERATION AGREEMENT AND END THE ARMS EMBARGO IN TWO WEEKS  
IF IT WEREN'T FOR THE TURKISH ELECTIONS.  
BERGUS

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